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Applicant:

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Title:

PLASTIC SYRINGE BARREL AND

METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE SAME

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action dated December 25, 2002, applicant hereby amends the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A plastic syringe barrel for holding fluid, comprising:

a nozzle portion at the forward end of the plastic syringe barrel for permitting attachment of an extension tube or other device in which an outer cylinder and an inner cylinder are formed [in a nozzle portion of the plastic syringe barrel], and [in]

a luer lock portion [composed of] comprising a cylindrical space [is] formed [between] by an inner peripheral surface of the outer cylinder and an outer peripheral surface of the inner cylinder,